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H.Res. ____—Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia (DeLay)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, February 5th, pursuant to unanimous consent.

Summary: This legislation resolves:

- “That the House of Representatives expresses its condolences to the families of the crew members of the Columbia shuttle mission;
- “That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the families of the Columbia crew; and
- “That when the House of Representatives adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the Columbia shuttle mission.”

The resolution also states that “the House of Representatives has learned with profound sorrow of the tragedy during re-entry of the space shuttle program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, involving the Columbia Shuttle Mission STS–107 and its crew consisting of Rick D. Husband (commander), William C. McCool (pilot), Michael P. Anderson (payload commander), David M. Brown (mission specialist), Kalpana Chawla (mission specialist), Laurel Blair Salton Clark (mission specialist), and Ilan Ramon (payload specialist).”

Additional Background: The Space Shuttle Columbia was contracted for construction in 1972 and made its first space flight in 1981. Subsequently, Columbia made 26 successful space flights until its explosion upon re-entry into the Earth’s atmosphere on February 1, 2003.

For a complete history of the Space Shuttle Columbia, please visit this website:

<http://science.ksc.nasa.gov/shuttle/resources/orbiters/columbia.html>

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure, other than the nominal costs of communicating this resolution of the House to the families of the Columbia crew.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.J.Res. 18 — Making Further Continuing Appropriations (Young of FL)

Order of Business: The joint resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, February 5th, under a closed rule.

Summary: The bill extends the current continuing resolution through February 20, 2003.

Cost to Taxpayers: The continuing resolution maintains spending within the levels set in the Budget Agreement with the President.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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